

I find it appalling that Sinclair Broadcasting would be allowed to force their local stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election -is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line, journalism integrity diminishes and the public is left with a distorted mess, passed as "news" and often believed to be truth. Media distortion and manipulation cripples democracy. Americans deserve to have news delivered without partisan agendas, the future of a functioning democracy is at stake, and FCC regulations are the first step in making sure that media outlets are abiding by fair election standards and fair standards in general.